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to day. and it does not seem as
if the time would ever come to say
them. The gulf seems widening with
your increasing family & mine I do
not see how we are then to travel.
I can never go without Tom & Chapin
the former is worse about me than a
baby and indeed is much more care
to me. I hope he may be cured but
do not know. He sleeps in my room &
in fact is scarcely ever out of my
sight & he is so large now. He is
almost unmanageable when his
attacks come on. Tom wrote you about
Emmett's last illness I suppose. he
had a life of suffering & like an old
person had worn completely out. He
would say to Lizzie, "I have been sick
so long. When will I get well" it was
pitiful to hear him talk. I believe
his death will prove beneficial
to his father. He was a very worldly
man. absorbed in the pleasures &
cares. & perfectly devoted to that

child. His whole study seemed to
be what to do for him. & when he
was grown what enjoyment he would
have with him. His whole life seems
to be charged. He attends Church
regularly. Says he has no aim now
as far as this world is concerned
& is talking of uniting with the
Methodist Church. His two little
boys are buried in the cedar arbor
in our yard. The spot has a perfect
fascination for Chapin. He asks many
times in the day when Emmett will
come up to eat something & what
did I put new shoes on him for
to kick him in the hole. He comm-
enced with his little wagon to
cart the dirt away that was
over him. I had to order him
away from there. You will see
in the slip of paper that I send
you a notice of an appointment
I very much suspect it is Mrs

I heard Mrs. Mother. as she has one recently arrived here. & Mr. Lewis is from Ohio. I may be mistaken in my conjecture. I have not seen her since I wrote you but suppose she has been sick before this time. We are having terribly hot weather & considerable rain. Our Peaches, figs, grapes, & Bartlett pears are ripe now. But there has been so much sickness in the country & so much apprehension of Cholera that I have not enjoyed them so much as usual.

You will notice in the paper I send you that the Methodist Church is plastered & the idea is that the same ladies might continue in the good cause. I reckon not as long as there are so many babies sprouting up. I am going up this week to collect up the money that has been subscribed for our minister and then shall retire from public

life until I am a little less portly
I do not think we shall yet get
West Point - to live this fall. Cotton
is not sold yet: prospect is bad
for a good price. got a debt of
about four thousand dollars to pay
off. The year we were north shipped
to Liverpool. Lost on two years crop
Mr G thinks with the crop on hand
and the one in the field. He will
just about pay it out. no money
to spare to buy a town lot. I shall
get desperate if I live until next
summer. Macawhen like I have waited
long enough for something to turn up.
& if we can not buy next spring shall
take to spending money I do not blame
any body however. Mr G. is just as
kind as he can be. is willing that I
should spend what & when I please.
I am the only economical one about
the house. Well I have written enough
for one time. Love to all Aff Yr sister